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Police Officers Commission on Standards & Training

Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2015

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Chief Anthony Pesare called to order the regular meeting of the Police Officers Commission on Standards & Training (POST) at 10:15 a.m. on August 20, 2015.

Chief Pesare asked Donna Lavallee to take a roll call. The following POST members were present: Chief Anthony Pesare, Chief Edward Mello, and Captain Ann Assumpico (appointed designee for Colonel O'Donnell). Also present were Lieutenant Scott Raynes, Corporal Thomas Chabot, David Ricciarelli, Mr. Richard B. Woolley, Mr. Paul Andrews, Esq., Paul Dutra and Donna Lavallee.

Chief Pesare congratulated Captain Assumpico on her recent

promotion. He then asked for a moment of silence for Sgt. Andrew McKenna, U.S. Army Special Forces, of Bristol, who was recently killed in Afghanistan.

2. Approval of the minutes

Chief Pesare asked for approval of the minutes from the last meetings dated May 7, 2015. Chief Mello made a motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 7, 2015; Captain Assumpico seconded the motion. With all in favor, 3-0, the motion carries.

3. Certification of Johnston PD SWAT Team

Lieutenant Raynes stated that the Rhode Island Tactical Officers Association conducted a review of the Johnston PD. Tactical team. There were areas that required additional training and documentation, which was provided to the assessors and after a final review, they are recommending re-certification of their tactical team. Chief Mello made a motion to re-certify the Johnston Police Department Tactical Team and Captain Assumpico seconded the motion. With all in favor, 3-0, the motion carries.

4. Request for Approval of Firearms Qualification Courses

- Brown University Police Department**
- East Providence Police Department**
- Johnston Police Department**
- North Providence Police Department**
- Pawtucket Police Department**
- Rhode Island Capitol Police**
- Warwick Police Department**

Lieutenant Raynes stated that he, along with Captain Phil Gould, our

Lead Firearms Instructor, reviewed the Firearms qualification courses for the above departments and they have met all of the requirements and therefore, he is recommending approval.

Chief Mello made a motion to approve all of the above-named Firearms Qualification Courses; Captain Assumpico seconded the motion. With all in favor, 3-0, motion carries.

5. Certification of Academy Instructors:

- Detective Adam Kennett, RISP – Auto Theft**

Lieutenant Raynes explained that our most current Auto Theft instructor was Sgt. Amaral from W. Warwick PD, who recently retired. There was no interest from any municipality to instruct this course and therefore Lt. Raynes reached out to Detective Kennett. He read a short bio and suggested that his qualifications and close working relationship with the Academy make him an ideal instructor. Captain Assumpico made a motion to certify Detective Kennett as an instructor; Chief Mello seconded the motion. With all in favor, 3-0, motion carries.

6. Update on Continuing Education

Captain Ricciarelli gave an update on the current in-service training calendar and a preview of a few trainings on the schedule for the remainder of the year.

7. Update on Class 2015-II

Corporal Chabot updated everyone on the current class, which is in Week 6. We currently have 44 recruits and everything is running smoothly.

Lieutenant Raynes asked to speak on a few Academy updates. This past week, the Academy hosted “Rosie’s Girls”, which are female minority girls between the ages of 9-14. They were brought to Camp Fogarty for the morning and viewed a portion of the Academy. There was a question and answer period where we had female officers from different departments on hand to answer for them. The program was a complete success and Lieutenant Raynes thanked all the departments who sent officers to help out that morning.

Lieutenant Raynes spoke of Officer Jean-Georges, who passed away recently. Lt. Raynes explained that he came to know Off Jean-Georges very well and was impressed by his actions and dedication to his profession. He wanted to do something to memorialize his efforts. He visited Chief Canario and learned that he was an outstanding police officer and held in high regards by the community. Lt. Raynes explained to the Chief that he would like to name the Physical Fitness Award “Officer Richard J. Jean-Georges Memorial Physical Fitness Award”. He then spoke with Manny Jean-Georges (his father) who was very much pleased with this

gesture and in favor of it. We will present this inaugural award at the Graduation for the 2016-I class. The Bristol PD will have three recruits in that class, one replacing Officer Jean-Georges.

8. Adjournment

Chief Mello made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Chief Pesare seconded the motion. With all in favor, 3-0, meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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